

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace paragraph 11, on page 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0011] Thus, in one aspect, the invention is directed to expanded porphyrin analogs that selectively interact with G-quadruplexes of the type associated with *c-MYC*, which expanded porphyrins comprise at least five pyrrole moieties or open chain mimics thereof, cyclized through a bond or alkylene bridge between said pyrroles or pyrrole mimics; wherein said bridge may optionally be included in an aromatic ring system, and wherein at least one carbon in each alkylene or alkenylene bridge is substituted by a cation containing or cation forming moiety (R^1) and at least two pyrrole or pyrrole-mimic nitrogens are replaced by Se, Te or S; and

wherein said pyrrole or pyrrole mimics may optionally be substituted with lower alkyl (1-4C); and

wherein one or more carbons of the pyrrole or pyrrole mimic may be replaced by O or S.